

Don't pioneer a new development;  
Step selflessly aside for someone else.  
He'll be conspicuous for error  
Groping to his goal,  
And you'll build reputation  
Pointing out his blunders.  
He'll be too busy to think "big,"  
Too deeply buried to compete  
When you, unhampered and unblemished, pass him by  
Shining with perpetual promise.

— J. H. Lowell  
Havertown, Pa.

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Van Gogh

The crows,  
beating black fire  
against windows of  
the mind.

The crows and  
sun of course,  
and  
other yellows  
baking reason black  
like rhythm's thoughts.

The eyes,  
burned living  
with their knowledge  
of  
the center.

The eyes,  
and death of course,  
is colored  
chrome.

— Dave Kelly  
Menomonie, Wisconsin